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- Scope structure and exclusions
- Editorial correction of notes and hanging paragraphs
- Reference to IEC 62683-1
- Motor protective switching device (MPSD) with its requirements

- Safety aspects related to:
  - General aspects;
  - Limited energy circuits;
  - Electronic circuits;
  - Assessment procedure for electromechanical overload protection used in safety - applications (new Annex L)
- Introduction of provisions covering the impact of higher locked rotor current to achieve high efficiency class
- Mention of dedicated wiring accessories
- Pickup power measurement
- Alignment to IEC 60947-1:2007, IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD1:2010, and IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD2:2014
- Direct current requirements for covering photovoltaic application (new Annex M)
- Load monitoring indicators (new Annex O)
- Short-circuit breaking tests of MPSD (new Annex P)
- Co-ordination under short-circuit conditions between a MPSD and another short-circuit protective device associated in the same circuit (new Annex Q)

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The provisions of the general rules dealt with IEC 60947-1 are applicable to this part of IEC 60947 series where specifically called for. Clauses and subclauses, tables, figures and annexes of the general rules thus applicable are identified by reference to IEC 60947-1:2007, IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD1:2010, and IEC 60947-1:2007/AMD2:2014. For example, 4.3.4.1 of IEC 60947-1:2007, Table 4 of IEC 60947-1:2007, or Annex A of IEC 60947-1:2007.

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## INTRODUCTION

This document introduces the requirements for motor protection switching devices (MPSD).

MPSDs have been available on the market for many years. They are introduced in this document for covering the minimum safety and performance requirements of a manual motor starter with integral electromechanical or electronic short-circuit protection. This device fulfils all requirements of a starter and specific requirements of a circuit-breaker according to IEC 60947-2, mainly  $I_{CU}$  and  $I_{CS}$ , for protecting the motor and its circuit with control devices e.g. a contactor. An MPSD is not intended to support neutral pole, DC ratings, rated uninterrupted current  $I_U$ , backup protection, short-circuit tripping time-delay, selectivity category, withdrawable capability, RCD, recloser, EMC requirements of IEC 60947-2, etc.

Circuit-breakers according to Annex O of IEC 60947-2:2016 with motor overload protection characteristic according to this document but without starter ratings e.g. AC-3 are also available on the market. These devices are not covered by this document.

## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters – Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947 is applicable to the following equipment:

- electromechanical contactors and starters including motor protective switching device (MPSD);
- actuators of contactor relays;
- contacts dedicated exclusively to the coil circuit of this contactor or this contactor relay;
- dedicated accessories (e.g. dedicated wiring, dedicated latch accessory);

intended to be connected to distribution circuits, motors circuits and other load circuits, the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC.

This document covers also the assessment procedure for electromechanical overload protection used in safety applications such as protecting a motor located in explosive atmosphere from the outside atmosphere: See Annex L.

This document does not apply to:

- starters for DC motors<sup>1</sup>;  
NOTE 1 The requirements for DC motor starters are under consideration for the next maintenance cycle.
- auxiliary contacts of contactors and contacts of contactor relays. These are covered by IEC 60947-5-1;
- starter used downstream to frequency drive<sup>1</sup>;  
NOTE 2 Additional requirements for starter used downstream to frequency drive are under consideration for the next maintenance cycle.
- short-circuit protective device integrated within starters other than MPSDs. This is covered by IEC 60947-2 and IEC 60947-3;
- the use of the product with additional measure within explosive atmospheres. These are given in IEC 60079 series;
- embedded software design rules<sup>1</sup>;
- cyber security aspects. These are covered by IEC 62443 series.

The objective of this document is to state:

- a) the characteristics of the equipment;
- b) the conditions applicable to the equipment with reference to:
  - 1) its operation and behaviour,
  - 2) its dielectric properties,
  - 3) its degree of protection,

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<sup>1</sup> For this subject the manufacturer is responsible for taking additional safety measures.